



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the City Attorney's Office**

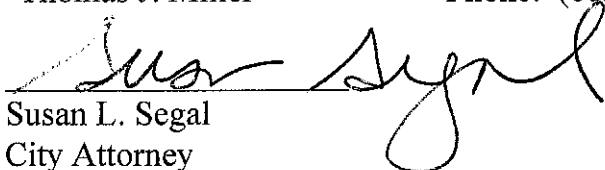
Date: January 10, 2014
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee and Committee of the Whole
Referral to:

Subject: Lacie Brown v. City of Minneapolis
Court File No.: 27-CV-12-22623

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$6,528.00 payable to Lacie Brown and her attorneys, Johnson Becker, from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145690 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

Previous Directives: None

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City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

Financial Impact:(Check those that apply)

☐ No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or _____ Operating Budget.

☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.

☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves.

☐ Business Plan: _____ Action is within the plan. _____ Action requires a change to plan.

☒ Other financial impact (Explain): \$6,528.00 from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145690

☐ Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact: Other

Background/Supporting Information:

This lawsuit arises out of an incident involving a City of Minneapolis light/utility pole and a motor vehicle that occurred on December 10, 2007. On that date, Lacie Brown was operating her 2002 Chevrolet Impala and was stopped at a red light on West Broadway Avenue at its intersection with 4th Street North, when she was struck by a City of Minneapolis light/utility pole that had rusted out at the base and fell over onto her vehicle. This was a substantial impact that caused the rear glass to shatter in Ms. Brown's vehicle.

As a result of the crash, Ms. Brown sustained injuries and incurred in excess of \$2,176.67 in treatment expenses. Ms. Brown was also off work and incurred some lost wages. She continues to suffer difficulties as a result of her injuries.

Following negotiations with her attorney, we have reached a tentative settlement of Ms. Brown's personal injury claim against the City in the amount of \$6,528.00. This proposed settlement has been discussed with the Public Works Department and they are in agreement with the terms. We believe that the settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee.

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